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SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED IN THE OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS ON MARCH 22, UNDER THE TITLE: "F. M. SPOKESMAN BLASTS SWEDISH PREMIER'S IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENT."
2. BEGIN TEXT: THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SPOKESMAN THURSDAY MORNING SAID SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLAF PALME'S STATEMENT AGAINST THE RVN CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS ACCORD WOULD ENCOURAGE COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM STEP UP INFILTRATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO CARRY ON THE WAR.
3. PREMIER OLAF PALME RECENTLY CHARGED THAT "THE RVN HAS NOT ACTUALLY WANTED TO IMPLEMENT POLITICAL PROVISIONS IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT."
4. MR. PALME HAD SHOWED HIS BIASED ATTITUDE IN FAVOR OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT EVEN WHEN HE HAD SERVED AS EDUCATION

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MINISTER BY TAKING PART IN A DEMONSTRATION WITH A NLF FLAG IN HIS

HAND ON MAIN STREETS OF THE CAPITAL OF SWEDEN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

5. HAVING NEVER SET FOOT ON VIETNAM AND WITH A VERY LIMITED
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY, MR. PALME SURELY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT
COMMUNISTS' ATTACKS ON RVN OUTPOSTS AND ABDUCTION OF CIVILIANS AND
OFFICIALS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THAT'S ALSO THE REASON WHY HE HAD
MADE SUCH A BIASED AND IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENT AGAINST THE RVN.

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